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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), I am writing in support of the proposed Cape Wind Energy Project in Nantucket Sound, Massachusetts. In fact, CEA is very encouraged by the MMS review of offshore renewable energy projects under its new authority.

Offshore renewable energy projects promise reliable energy that is safe for the environment. Wind energy produces neither pollution nor hazardous waste and is highly beneficial for public health. Further, modern wind turbines have a proven measurement of reliability of more than 98%, which is higher than many other types of power plants. CEA believes that wind farms and other offshore renewable energy projects will become an important part of building a diverse energy portfolio that will reduce the nation's dependence on imported energy, support the economy and increase energy efficiency. Specifically, the Cape Wind Energy Project is expected to have a significant maximum output of 454 megawatts. According to the American Wind Energy Association, this project could lower regional electricity prices and save consumers \$25 million annually.

CEA is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that supports the thoughtful development and utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic & global energy security and reduce prices for consumers. Our mission is to help improve consumer understanding of our nation's energy security, including the need to reduce reliance on imported oil and natural gas, maintain reasonable energy prices for consumers, properly balance our energy needs with environmental and conservation goals, and continue efforts to diversify our energy resources.

The goal of CEA is to motivate and provide a voice for consumers interested in vital public issues, such as access to resources offshore and on public lands; power generation, energy price impact on business, agriculture and consumers; development of a robust, domestic renewable energy industry; and promotion, support and development of new technologies allowing for higher levels of energy efficiency and conservation.

CEA recognizes the need for further investment in offshore renewable energy projects. Developing offshore wind farms will provide clean, safe and more affordable energy for consumers and is a necessary step toward securing our nation's energy future.

Sincerely,

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